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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	pplication of:	Examiner: Unassigned		
MASU	MITSU IWATA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1753		
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Filed: N	March 22, 2004)		
For:	ZINC OXIDE FILM TREATMENT METHOD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE LITTLIZING THE SAME) :) : September 30, 2004		

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The listed documents are discussed at page 2, line 13, to page 3, line 1, of the subject specification.

An English-language translation of the Inoue et al. article is also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to

charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account

No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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